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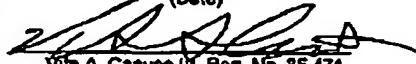
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 Appl. No. : ~~10/666,174~~ 10/665,174
 Filed : September 17, 2003
 Title : CONSTRICTION DEVICE
 INCLUDING REINFORCED
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 Examiner : Michael G. Mendoza
 Group Art Unit : 3731

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Total Claims	18 - 20 = 0	2202 (\$25)	0 x 25 =	\$0
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			TOTAL FEE DUE	\$0

The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time,
or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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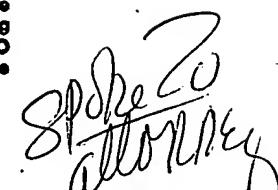
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.